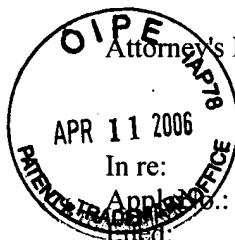


**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2882**



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ng et al. Confirmation No.: 7759
App. No.: 10/651,499 Group No.: 2882
Filed: August 29, 2003 Examiner: Robert Kunemund
For: CRYSTALLIZATION CASSETTE FOR THE GROWTH AND ANALYSIS
OF MACROMOLECULAR CRYSTALS AND AN ASSOCIATED METHOD

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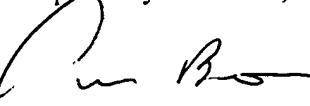
1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) months to respond to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005.
2. Applicant is a small entity; other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for <u>Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

A check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed.
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,



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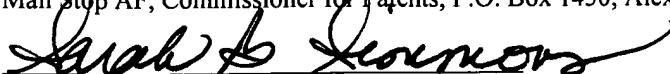
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